

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 4, fourth paragraph:

figs. 4a and 4b show fig. 4 shows a bit member included in a blade assembly of the invention, in a plan view and in a side view, respectively,

Page 4, fifth paragraph:

figs. 5a and 5b show fig. 5 shows a pair of bit members included in a blade assembly of the invention, in a plan view, as well as in side views depicting an inclination angle and a cutting/incidence angle, respectively,

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figs 8a, 8b and 8c show fig. 8 shows an integrally built body element included in the shank of a blade assembly of the invention, in a plan view, a front view, and a side view, respectively,

Page 5, second paragraph:

figs. 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, and 9e show fig. 9 shows a bit member alternative to fig. 4, figs. 4a and 4b,

in views depicting especially one preferred way of manufacturing the same, and

Page 5, fourth paragraph:

The invention relates a blade assembly, especially for an ice auger or the like, comprising a shank 1 and a bit head 2. The shank 1 is provided at least with elements 3 for mounting the bit head 2. The bit head 2, in turn, includes one or more disk-shaped bit members 2a, which rotate w during a drilling/boring operation and which have an outer rim 2a' thereof working as an actual cutting face in drilling/boring. The rotary bit member 2a included in the bit head is disposed, as depicted e.g. in fig. 5, figs. 5a and 5b, at an angle of less than 45° relative to a drilled surface A.

Paragraph bridging pages 6 and 7:

In a further preferred embodiment, one or more bit members 2a included in the bit head 2 are provided with means 4 for enhancing the drilling action, such as a corrugation, a serration and/or the like, present on its cutting face 2a', as depicted e.g. in fig. 9, figs. 9a-9e. On the other hand, in yet another preferred embodiment, each bit member 2a included in the bit head is made of tempered steel, at least in its cutting face 2a'.

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Especially in reference to fig. 5, figs. 5a and 5b, the bit member 2a included in the bit head 2 has an inclination angle a; a1 preferably of 14.5° and/or respectively an incidence/cutting angle a; a2

preferably of 15°.

Page 7, third paragraph:

In a preferred practical embodiment, referring particularly to fig. 8, figs. 8a-c, the above-mentioned means 5 are established by means of elongated attachment holes 3a present in a shank element 1; 1a", included in the shank and comprising two integrally built arm elements.

Page 8, first paragraph:

As an option to the bit member shown in fig. 4, figs. 4a and 4b, which is made from a block of metal with equal all-round thickness, the bit member 2a included in the bit head 2 is feasible to manufacture in 1.5-3.5 mm gauge sheet steel, which is formed with the cutting face 2a' and/or the means 4 for enhanced drilling by die cutting or the like manner and in which a bevel for the bit member's cutting face 2a' is surface ground to an angle c preferably of about 25°.

Page 8, second paragraph:

It is possible to manufacture the above type of bit member in the principle shown e.g. in fig. 9, figs. 9a-9e, such that the sheet metal is first cut for a circular bit panel 2a₁, which is then punched for the edge serration 4, the central hole R, as well as an edge bevel X. This is followed by surface grinding a bit member panel 2a₀ over its bottom surface for providing a bit member 2a with a sharp cutting edge 2a'.